

LOCAL DEALERS NOT 'HOLDUPS'

Wholesale Grocer Says the Cause of High Prices Originates Elsewhere.

"I notice," said E. J. Freudenthal, Thursday, "that in an interview published in The Herald a few days ago, Dr. H. E. Stevenson refers to the middleman as the 'rampier' who is responsible for the high prices on food products. While it is hardly probable that the doctor refers to any of our local dealers, it often happens that such statements are misunderstood by many people and make the wrong impression on those who are not informed as to true conditions.

Now, the fact is that there is not a single dealer in El Paso who can be held directly or indirectly responsible for the high prices that are prevailing, not only in El Paso, but all over the country. Our local merchants have to sell their goods according to what they have to pay the manufacturer, and it is to their interest to keep down prices, for the higher goods go the less sale there will be for them and that means that their earnings will be diminished accordingly.

Selling Stocks on Hand.
The truth is that El Paso wholesalers and retail dealers have been selling out the stocks they bought before the advance at less than the cost of replacing same and many articles have been sold in El Paso for less than prices prevailing in other cities. I am informed that the retail dealer on sugar, for instance, was for some time lower in El Paso than Boston. The same is true of many other articles, but as stocks diminish and the dealer has to go into the market and pay the increased cost he is forced to raise his selling price or quit business.

Holders of Raw Products Profit.
The men who profit by the high prices in the holder of the raw product from which the article has to be manufactured. Take, for instance, wheat. The man who holds this staple gets \$2 or more a bushel, but the miller who grinds it and the grocer who sells it gets no benefit from the high prices. The same could be said of corn, cottonseed oil and every other staple that enters into production of a food product. In every instance it is the cost of the raw materials that makes the price on the manufactured product.

"In justice to the grocery dealers of this city, who are hurt in proportion more than anyone by the high prices, no wrong impression should be acquired by the public as to who is really responsible for the high cost of food lines."

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CLINT FARMERS' COUNCIL MEETS 40

Men and Wives and Urges War Crop Work.

Every possible aid to farmers growing war crops this season was pledged at a meeting of members of the land and irrigation committee of the chamber of commerce and the farmers of the Clint district at the Clint Methodist church Wednesday night. Aid will be given the farmers in securing credit, seeds, implements, water, and in marketing their crops if they grow additional acreage of food and feed crops this year, it was announced.

The farmers of Clint chose Homer Wells to head a committee of three to cooperate with the land and irrigation committee of the chamber of commerce in seeing that large war crops were planted in the district, and to cooperate in buying and marketing. Mr. Wells, who is a Clint and a Henry, being an additional member of his committee.

Clint Farmers Preparing.
George H. Lechman, of El Paso, who presided at the meeting, called upon those who had planned to plant additional acreage of war crops. He said that food crops after grain crops were off the ground, to raise to their feet. Twenty farmers responded. Forty farmers of the Clint district attended the meeting, with their wives. The total attendance at the meeting, including the El Paso and Clint farmers, was about 100.

Traces Buying Seed Now.
W. W. Wise, of El Paso, said that the crops of kaffir corn, milo maize, and sorghums were far below normal last year. The present year's crop is scarce, and beans are hard to obtain, he said. Garden truck seeds are plentiful. He urged the farmers to purchase their seeds for food crops immediately, asserting that they will be practically impossible to obtain within a few days.

Explains Irrigation and Credits.
R. F. Burges, of El Paso, explained the benefits of irrigation and the credit system to the farmers. He said that the formation of an irrigation district to replace the present water users' association, to be voted upon probably in May, and pointed out many advantages which the district would bring about. He said that the elimination of the land speculation, by forcing him to pay taxes on the land proportionate to the value of the land, is one of the chief benefits which will be derived from the irrigation district, he said.

Plenty of Water Assured.
J. A. Smith, head of the El Paso Valley Water Users' association, assured the farmers that they will have plenty of water for crops this season, and that the drainage of lands in the Elephant Butte project will be completed by the end of the season.

Favors Use of Army Rules.
George H. Clements, secretary of the chamber of commerce, asserted that the city would feel the pinch of war crops more than the county. He said that military authorities regarded the plan of using government rules for preparing vacant lands for war crops favorably.

Robert Krakauer suggested that the farmers organize for purchasing and marketing purposes. The Clint Methodist church, Mrs. S. E. Johnson and Mrs. C. J. Camp and R. F. Travis, gave several selections preceding the speaking.

"Dick" Dudley Offers Land Near Vado and Will Help With Hoe

R. M. Dudley, representative in the legislature from El Paso, has volunteered for the "hoes and hoe brigade" of the Rio Grande valley to raise war crops, and has offered the use of 100 N. M. for food crops. A letter from Dudley was received from Mr. Burges by the chamber of commerce Thursday morning.

Mr. Dudley offered to pay for all water used on the tract, which is capable of raising the onions and potatoes. A tenant, he said, is using a portion of the land, but the remainder may be devoted to the raising of war crops.

SUGGESTS FORMATION OF A TEXAS FOOD AND FEED CORPS
The organization of a food and feed corps in Texas is advocated by the Fort Worth chamber of commerce, according to word received from the organization by the El Paso chamber of commerce Thursday morning.

The letter says the Fort Worth leaders have recommended to the governor that he propose to the legislature that an organized force be created, that the state be organized into economic and industrial units, each unit being under the supervision of commissioned officers selected by the governor to direct the necessary financial and industrial cooperation of several units of the state.

To create an economic marketing system whereby the food products will reach the consumer with the least possible cost and whereby the excess production may be diverted into needed state and national channels, is a plan suggested.

J. G. McNARY NAMED MEMBER OF Y. M. C. A. WAR WORK BOARD

James G. McNary, El Paso banker, was selected a member of the war work council of the national Y. M. C. A. at a conference called in New York April 10 by Dr. John R. Mott, according to interstate secretary W. Day, who has returned here from the meeting. The war work council is to be created by 100 members from representative organizations all over the United States.

The Y. M. C. A. expects to enlarge its plant and on a greater work in the army than ever before, said Mr. Day. Among the resolutions passed at the conference was one designed to increase present work among industrial workers.

The army of secretaries will be recruited up to 1000 men selected from the association.

Three million dollars is to be raised in 26 days for the war work. The work to European prison camps will also be continued and \$2,000,000 is needed for this purpose. A greater cooperation will be extended to the churches and army chaplains, Mr. Day said.

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ORDERS SHAMP FOODING MILLS

Rush of Buying Threatens Food Shortage; Wheat Rises; Bread to Go Up.

Chicago, Ill., April 19.—Notable advances marked the first half hour of trading in wheat futures today. May rose 7-16 to \$2.10 and July 1-16 to \$2.05-1-16. There was a complete recovery of prices on wheat yesterday's slump, occasioned by the removal of duty on Canadian wheat.

At Minneapolis the flour mills were reported swamped by shipping orders and embarrassed by inability to get enough cars. Last week the flour output decreased 25,000 barrels as compared with the same week a year ago. Purchase of canned goods for summer delivery has pushed up the price of the new crop, not yet planted, if some instances 100 percent. The remainder of last year's earnings has risen proportionately. Housewives have taken fright and are buying in huge stocks at huge prices.

The enormous purchases of canned goods and other staples, forced many retailers to set limits on marketing. Grocers in residential districts declare that the demand for supplies has been so great that they cannot meet it.

"This hoarding threatens to become a disaster," said one of the leading wheatsters, president of the National Retail Grocers' and Butchers' association. "The food supply for the nation will be cut off reasonably. In a crisis like this, it is unfair for the person with large or even moderate means to buy in huge quantities, leaving the poor to buy from a depleted store at advanced prices."

Price of Bread Rises.
A rise in the price of bread is looked on by bakers as inevitable in view of the advance in flour. The suggestion is made to meet with most favor among bakers is to do away with the six cent loaf, the recent successor to the old five cent loaf, and to reduce the size of the ten cent loaf.

GETTING READY FOR BIG CROPS
Sacramento Farmers Have 20,000 Acres Plowed; Fruit Is Promising.

Nearly 20,000 acres in the Sacramento mountains and on the south slopes tributary to Cloudcroft are actually plowed and ready for the planting and cultivation of war crops. This is the statement of W. G. Roe, chairman of the land and irrigation committee of the chamber of commerce, in a report of the recent trip of Mr. Roe and R. S. Trumbull to the Cloudcroft district in the interest of securing additional war crop acreage.

The land now plowed is divided as follows: 14,000 acres of wheat, 1,000 acres of corn, 1,000 acres of barley, 1,000 acres of spring wheat, 500 acres of popcorn, 35 acres of turnips and rutabagas, 100 acres and potatoes, 450 acres.

Telling Farmers to Plant.
The business men's club of Alamogordo is sending runners throughout the mountains advising all farmers to plant more war crops. Pamphlets have been printed for distribution and Alamogordo individuals are planting additional acreage.

Similar steps are being taken at Cloudcroft. Mr. Trumbull spoke to the business men of Tulare, and then to the people of Weed.

"Orchard conditions are very promising and there probably will be an abundance of fruit," said Mr. Roe. Four hundred acres are in fruit trees, he said.

Potato Shortage.
The potato situation here characteristically is serious. There is hardly enough potatoes left for seed. A shipment of 2,000 pounds of potatoes to the El Paso market was stopped and will be used for seed.

YUMA INDIANS INCREASE ACREAGE TO AID NATION
Yuma, Ariz., April 19.—The Yuma Indians have joined in the work of agricultural preparation and this year will have in crop 6500 acres, an advance of 1000 for the season. Sup. L. L. Ode called together the principal men of the tribe, explained the war conditions and read a letter from the Indian commissioner in which was advised all possible development of the food product on all reservations.

6000 LEWIS MACHINE GUNS ORDERED FOR ARMY AND NAVY
Washington, D. C., April 19.—Emergency orders for 6000 Lewis machine guns for the army and navy have been placed by the government. The Lewis gun, once rejected by the American government, has become one of the greatest factors of entente armaments on the western front.

For the army, 1500 guns have been ordered, that being the limit of available funds for the purchase. Another 1500 will be ordered as soon as additional funds are voted in the pending army appropriation act. The marine corps ordered 3000 guns, some of them and additional 1000 have been ordered for the navy.

BUCK CONNOR GOING AFTER SIGNAL SERVICE COMMISSION
Buck Connor, ranger, scout, "movie" actor and magazine writer, passed through El Paso Wednesday en route from the east to San Francisco, Cal., where he will take examination for a captaincy of the signal service. Connor was formerly a Texas ranger stationed at El Paso.

4000 APPLY TO ENTER AVIATION RESERVE CORPS
Chicago, Ill., April 19.—Within the last week 2750 applications for membership in the aviation reserve corps have been received at aviation headquarters in the federal building here. This makes a total of about 4000 applications.

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SPAIN'S ROLE IN DIFFICULT SITUATION

Being Neutral With All the Rest of World at War Taxes Official Madrid.

Madrid, Spain, April 19.—Now that Spain has taken the center of the stage as the foremost neutral, following the break of relations between the United States and Germany she is finding that the role of the chief neutral is not altogether a happy one. There is added honor and prestige as the intermediary between all the various capitals, but here at Madrid the representatives of all these capitals are ranged in so many hostile camps, with their own press and shades of news and gossip, their own policies, intrigues and wire pulling, that the government has found it convenient and necessary to draw a sharp line between these different groups with strict adherence to neutrality.

Famous for Etiquette.
The Spanish government is famous for the elegance of its official receptions for a strict adherence to precedent and etiquette, and with all the foreign representatives mingling together. Until recently, the British ambassador was the dean of these foreign representatives. The German ambassador was given a strain when the various groups assembled and greeted each other in the strict order of their rank.

But when a new British ambassador arrived recently, the German ambassador succeeded as dean of the foreign representatives, and his wife continued as doyen. As such the German group was distinctly at the front, not only in precedence, but in virtually directing all the intercourse of grand affairs. Even in the ordinary official meetings with the cabinet ministers, the royal palace, when gala performances and popular demonstrations and ball fights. But all this was omitted this year as it was clear all the foreign representatives could not be brought together for one common rejoicing.

Forgot About War.
The need for this strict observance was made plain by several incidents. Before the new rules came into force there was a reception at which all the ambassadors were assembled. This brought together Prince X, the ambassador of one of the central powers and Lord Y, the ambassador of an entente power. There was a moment's hesitation, and then the entente ambassador, smilingly extended his hand. But Prince X, instead of taking the hand, carried his own hand back. Whereupon the entente ambassador, not to be embarrassed by the affront, increased his smile into a hearty laugh, and remarked: "Oh, I had quite forgotten we were at war."

Now Third Element.
There have been only two elements to keep apart up to the rupture of relations between the United States and Germany, but this introduced a third element of countries which had broken relations but not gone to war. This break of relations kept the ambassadors apart as much as the actual existence of war. The need for separate audiences was made evident on the night when was received here recently that the United States had broken relations with Germany and given Count Bernstorff his passports. On that night the American and the German ambassadors here had appointments at the same time and place with the president of the council. There was a hurried rearrangement of hours when

GERMANS CAN'T HALT OFFENSIVE

Twelve New Divisions Are Thrown Against French But Are Unavailing.

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The bridgehead which was soon carried and the attacking troops scaled the slope of the plateau north of Vailly. They advanced rapidly as far as Rouze Maison farm and a country house to the right, gaining several hundred yards of ground on the summit of the plateau. Substantial progress was also made east of Nanteuil and by the afternoon only one narrow gap was left through which the Germans could withdraw the troops in the region of Comel, Cellas and Sancy. These detachments were in serious danger of capture.

Four Thousand Into Disorder.
The violence of the French attack threw the enemy into such disorder that he was unable to bring up reserves quickly enough and consequently lost several guns. Toward the end of the day the French made further progress between the plateau of Vailly and Bray, all villages south of the famous Chemin des Dames being taken. The advance toward Courtenot during the last three days has been even greater and amounts to more than three miles in depth. In the center the battle raged most fiercely in the region of La Ville-aux-Bois. The wood east of the village 2000 yards long by 500 in depth was very strongly held by the enemy by no less than 180 machine guns being crowded into it. All these were captured together with 1500 men by a clever maneuver which cut off the wood from the rest of the line.

Progress in Battlefront.
The army on the right from Prunay to Aubervie, by skillful maneuvering, cleaned the Germans out of most of the heights in front of the village of Morvilliers. On one of the crests several heavy guns were captured. On the whole, when the wretched weather and the difficulties of the terrain are considered, the day's work is considered most satisfactory and it is believed that it paves the way for far more rapid progress in the near future.

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Word Came of the Breach Between America and Germany.
After that the new rules for separate days and hours for the three elements were scrupulously observed. But with all the precaution Spain is finding that the important rule of chief neutrality while years its advantage is attended also with many difficulties.

GERMAN REPORT MINIMIZES SUCCESSES OF THE FRENCH
Berlin, Germany, April 19.—The battle in the Champagne, northwest of Aubervie, yesterday continued into the night, says today's official announcement. This morning the fighting increased in intensity as a result of the introduction of fresh forces.

Near Ville-aux-Bois, the statement says, "the forest position became unsuitable to us and we established ourselves in a rearward line."

A local French attack near Bray-en-Launois succeeded, the statement says, but assaults on the elevated front along the Chemin-des-Dames and near Craonne failed.

Documents captured from the French indicate for reaching the objects of the French attack launched on Monday, the communication aids. At no point were the hopes of the French realized. Their troops only approximately attained their tactical aims, to say nothing of their strategic objects.

MARSHALL FIELD, III, JOINS FIRST ILLINOIS CAVALRY

Chicago, Ill., April 19.—Marshall Field III, one of America's richest young men, arrived from New York today to enlist as a private in the First Illinois cavalry. He will draw \$15 a month.

"I believe every young man of my age, 23, should enlist," he said. "My wife thinks as I do. There is a lot of flag raising in New York, but more real recruiting is being done in the middle west."

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Probably the first of these post cards to be received in El Paso was in the mail Thursday to Charles Standbaum, 3411 Louisville street, from his brother, Mortimer G. Standbaum, seaman, first class, on the Wyoming, flagship of the Atlantic squadron. He gave his brother exactly the same information as shown on the post card printed above. He enlisted six years ago from Lansing, Mich. His card was dated April 12.

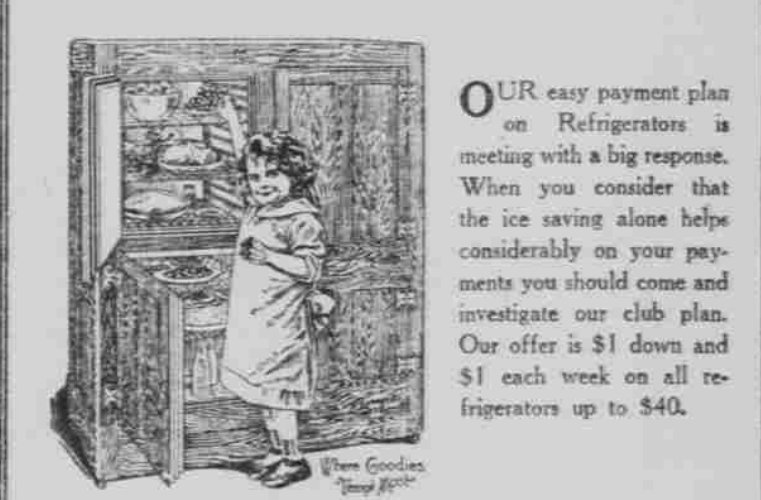
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"Laura" says: "Some time ago I contracted a very severe cold and cough. I have tried many remedies but they do not seem to help me at all. I wish you would advise me what to do."

Answer: What you need is a laxative cough syrup, one that will drive the cold from your system. The following prescription will check your cold and cough: Get a 2-1/2-oz. package of concentrated essence mentho-ry and make according to directions on the bottle. Take a teaspoonful every hour or two until your cold is better. This will relieve you in a very few days.

Miss C. W. writes: "I have tried for two years to diet so as to increase my weight and improve the quality of my blood, but in vain. Please prescribe for me?"

Answer: Thin, scrawny, bloodless people need assistance in obtaining nutrition from the food eaten, and for this particular purpose I ask a prescription three-grain hypo-saline tablets. A most effective remedy, taken regularly and persistently used, as it seems to increase the red and white corpuscles of the blood, thus affording healthy strength and increased weight.

Geo. V. G. writes: "Perhaps you can prescribe for me. I am at a loss to understand my condition. For the past year have suffered extreme nervousness, trembling and extremities are cold. Have poor appetite, am weak, listless and no ambition to work or seek recreation. Am tired all the time and in no sense the strong capable man I was a few years ago."

Answer: A powerful rejuvenating nerve medicine should revive the most sluggish condition and put new ambition and energy into your blood nerves. Obtain three grain cadmate tablets in sealed tubes, take as per directions.

"Young Mother" writes: "I have two children both suffering from severe colds. They cough terribly. Also I suffer greatly from neuritis. Please advise some local remedy?"

Answer: A remarkably efficient and very penetrating ointment will afford the help you and your children need. Ask your druggist for Pine-o-latium and apply as directed.

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